

**Department New Request Form
Fiscal Year 2025**

Program	Public Safety	Title of New Request:	Rank: 6
Department	Fire	Fire Hose Testing	
Request Category	New		
Request Rating	Efficiency		
Department Goal	More hours available in the year to hold scheduled training.	# of FTE's in this request	0.00

1. How will request assist in achieving Department Goal and benefit the customer

We are pursuing a third party vendor to provide for our annual requirements of fire hose testing. They say you cannot purchase more time but in this case we essentially can.

The issue:

- Testing all MFD's fire hose has become more of a time commitment than we believe reasonable. On average (past 6 years) we have spent between 12-16 days out of the Operations training schedule testing hose.
- The time we spend out of district, with apparatus out of service and our call volume is a compounding issue. There were countless interruptions over the past testing season including at one point a type 1 engine was forced to run 911 emergent calls without any hose!
- On average (past 5 years) we have spent between 12-16 days out of the Operations training schedule testing hose.
- It is unreasonable and not fiscally responsible to hire our members at OT rate to fill this role.
- Call volume. I do not believe this needs further explanation.

The benefits:

- The ability to test all our hose in 3-4 days.
- Reduced responses out of place.
- ISO records- no more hand typing 800+ entries of hose annually into the computer. All automated and current to present to ISO.
- 12 days back into the Ops training calendar.
- Reduced risk of job-related injury.

Conclusion:

We believe all members understand there is a cost associated with hiring a private company to test our hose. The training division, training task force, and Battalions chiefs all believe this will be money well spent to give the needed time back to our Ops schedule. Note: In the Northwest, there are only 2 companies offering these services.

2. What specifically is needed to achieve this goal?

Funding to hire an outside company to test all of Missoula Fire Departments fire hose.

3. Cost Impact of New Program:

Account #	Item	Qty	Unit Cost	Requested One-Time	Requested Ongoing	FY 2025 Unfunded	FY 2025 Funded	Proposed FY 2026 Ongoing
Ongoing Expenses								
1000.300.420460.360	Hose Testing Company	1	13,000		13,000	13,000	—	
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One-time Expenses								
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Expense Sub-Total				—	13,000	13,000	—	—

Revenue Offset:

Account #	Revenue Description	Proposed Onetime Revenue	Proposed Ongoing Revenue
1000	Tax Fund		13,000
Revenue Sub-Total		-	13,000

4. What sort of data will be used to report results and outcomes of request?

Hose testing- Annual Training plan will reflect more days of training. Which in turn will result in 12 or more extra days of training. This can be calculated along with our Level 1/Company Level Training spreadsheets ran annually. Maintain highest potential in point allotment for ISO scores relative to required training.

Requested/Proposed Funding Source		
	One-time	Ongoing
Tax or Assessment	-	13,000
Non-tax	-	-
Fund Balance	-	-
Total	-	13,000